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## **The National Museum of the American Indian Holds Events to Celebrate “Brian Jungen: Strange Comfort” Exhibition**

The Smithsonian’s National Museum of the American Indian will host programs, including talks, a reception and workshops, in association with the “Brian Jungen: Strange Comfort” exhibition that opens Oct. 16 and extends through Aug. 8, 2010.

### **Opening Public Reception**

Thursday, Oct. 15; 8:30–10:30 p.m.

This public preview will allow guests to view the exhibition before opening day.

### **Discussion**

Friday, Oct. 16; 7 p.m.

Ring Auditorium, Hirshhorn Museum and Sculpture Garden

“Meet the Artist” program featuring Brian Jungen (Dunne-za First Nations/Swiss-Canadian) as he talks about his work and influences with curator, art historian and critic Carolyn Christov-Bakargiev.

### **Member Event**

Saturday, Oct. 17; 8–10 a.m.

Breakfast and tour with Kevin Gover (Pawnee), director of the museum.

### **Teacher Workshop**

Saturday, Feb. 13, and Saturday, Feb. 27, 2010; 10 a.m–3 p.m.

“Alike, but Not: Alexander Calder & Brian Jungen,” is a workshop comparing the kinetic sculptures, or “mobiles,” of the two artists. Paul Chaat Smith (Comanche), associate curator, will provide insights into these works. Registration is \$20; call (202) 633-6644 or e-mail [NMAI-Education@si.edu](mailto:NMAI-Education@si.edu). This program is a special collaboration with the National Gallery of Art.

### **Gallery Tours**

During the run of the exhibition, the museum’s cultural interpreters will provide special gallery highlight tours lasting 45 minutes to 1 hour in the third-level gallery. Check at the Welcome Desk for times. For more information about these events and for updates, visit [www.AmericanIndian.si.edu](http://www.AmericanIndian.si.edu).

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